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Heavy Brogans, with buckles; worth \$1.25; your choice \$1.00.

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Men's Suits—Nobby Woolen Suits in the latest cuts and stylish makes, marked by the Globe Store \$7.95; will go now at \$5.00.

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MRS. CECILIA STOWE, Orator, Entre Nous Club.

176 Warren Avenue, CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 22, 1902.  
For nearly four years I suffered from ovarian troubles. The doctor insisted on an operation as the only way to get well. I, however, strongly objected to an operation. My husband felt disheartened as well as I, for home with a sick woman is a disconsolate place at best. A friendly druggist advised him to get a bottle of Wine of Cardui for me to try, and he did so. I began to improve in a few days and my recovery was very rapid. Within eighteen weeks I was another being.

*Cecelia Stowe*

Mrs. Stowe's letter shows every woman how a home is suddenly by female weakness and how completely Wine of Cardui cures that sickness and brings health and happiness again. Do not go on suffering. Go to your druggist today and secure a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui.



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#### CARD TO THE PUBLIC!

I would respectfully inform the citizens of Middletown and vicinity that I have decided to open on Saturday next a strictly

#### HOME-MADE BAKERY.

And would ask a share of the public patronage. I will keep constantly on hand, or make to order, Bread, Maryland Biscuits, Pies and Custards of all kinds; Cakes, all kinds and flavors; Cookies, Doughnuts, in fact any and all kinds of nice things. Special attention to Fruit Cakes for the coming holidays.

Mine Pies of home-made Mince Meat. Chicken Salad made to order.

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Dr. Vallandigham's late residence,  
Middletown, Del.

#### REGISTER'S ORDER.

#### REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, Del., Jan. 7, 1904.  
Upon the application of Fanny W. Williams, late of St. George's Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting of Letters Testamentary, to all persons having claims against the estate to present the same at the next meeting of the County of New Castle, to be held on the 14th day of February, 1904, at the Court House in said county, and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of the Register of Wills aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

#### NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting of Letters Testamentary, to all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present the same, duly attested to the said Executor, on or before the 7th day of January, 1904, or on the 14th day of Assembly in such case made and provided.

FANNY W. WILLIAMS, Executor.

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### WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, February 15th, 1904.

ASSURANCES continue to be received at the White House that there is practically no opposition to the nomination of the President at the Chicago convention. Ex-Senator Manderson of Nebraska, says the entire West is for Roosevelt. The same news comes from the Eastern states, and a prominent lawyer from Connecticut in Washington this week said that in that State Democracy is as dead as a door nail. The announcement of the dangerous illness of Senator Hanna has brought sudden harmony to the discordant elements in Ohio, and the delegation to Chicago promises to be a unit for Roosevelt. The President is very busy having many things to look after. He does not expect an early adjournment of Congress and will be unable to leave Washington to attend banquets and make speeches. He will have his little walk of eight or ten miles and is in splendid health. On the 12th inst. he issued a proclamation of neutrality towards Russia and Japan, and announced the law which forbids Americans from entering the service of either combatant. The President has been assured that the Panama treaty will be ratified in a few days. Relying upon this belief he is now carefully considering the personnel of the Canal Commission, and the Attorney General, Knox, is examining the Spooner act to see if it gives the President full authority to issue bonds to raise the needed money and appoint the Commission. Thus far Admiral Walker, General Geo. W. Davis and Isham Randolph of Chicago have been named for the Canal Commission. The new pension bill excites much interest at the White House, but it will be some time before the Committee on Invalid Pensions reports to Congress.

Both of the pure food bills are now before the Senate, and manufacturers of food products favor the bill since in many instances it will relieve them from oppressive State laws. The Senate Committee on Commerce will report on the 18th inst. that the nomination of D. C. Crum as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., be confirmed. The U. S. Navy will cost nearly \$100,000,000 next year. It is not likely that a vote will be reached on the eight-hour law. The proposition with which the territorial committee is now laboring is to admit Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one State and New Mexico as another (under some more appropriate name, it is hoped,) and leave Arizona out in the cold for another year or two.

The House Committee on the Reform of the Civil Service is engaged in investigating the existing conditions in the departments at Washington. Commissioner Ware of the Pension Bureau is in favor of employing bright young men since he can get more work out of them. He has put into the bureau 150 young men, reducing the average age of the employees to between 51 and 52 years. Some of his men are over eighty years of age. He would have the government fix an age for clerks to retire. At the present the Commissioner is engaged in "getting old chinks out of the wood pile," i. e., is clearing up old cases. There are pending in the bureau 240,000 applications.

A very valuable, practical and gigantic work is being incubated by Prof. Spillman, agriculturalist to the Department of Agriculture, for the St. Louis fair. It will be when hatched a physiographic out-of-door crop map of our entire country, another lesson showing what grows in the different states. A small patch of earth will represent each state, the one for Illinois being 75 feet long. Delaware and Rhode Island will be as large as a sofa cushion. The District of Columbia will be too small to be seen. The Southern states are to be planted with cotton, beans and tobacco; Vermont with maple sugar; Maine and Minnesota with pine trees; and Arizona, which has but one half of one per cent. of fertile farms is to bloom like the rose, with 43 per cent. of alfalfa, 30 of wheat, 10 of barley, 10 of corn, etc. This will impress foreigners and induce a healthy emigration to the arid sand wastes of that far off region. It should be explained that an "agriculturalist" is one who agrostologizes.

The Department of State is very active and Secretary Hay is ably looking after the affairs of collective humanity. His note to the powers suggesting that the integrity of China must be preserved whatever the result of the war, is regarded as a blow to Russia. He also proposes that England, Germany and France shall assist the United States in limiting the sphere of actual hostilities; but it is not proposed to enforce this at arms. These propositions are purely benevolent in the interest of the whole world. The prospect is that the United States will soon be forced to establish a protectorate over Santo Domingo. The conditions are becoming intolerable.

A three-thousand invitation reception was given by the President on the 11th inst. in compliment to the army and navy. The Secretary of Agriculture gave a dinner to the President on the 9th inst. The President was delighted with the extraordinary menu; pot, ood fishballs, cabbage and bacon, mince and pumpkin pies, sweet cider, Indian pudding, curries, marble cake, etc. The trial of A. W. Machin thus far, for conspiracy, has developed nothing of importance. No one will be surprised at a verdict of "not guilty."

### DOLLAR WHEAT IN NEW YORK

For the first time in five years wheat touched the dollar mark in New York Monday. In Chicago highest quotations was 98, but in Minneapolis No. 1 wheat was quoted at \$1. and No. 3 red wheat sold at \$1.03. The May option alone crushed the dollar mark, and it was practically on strong buying for foreign account. All the grain markets were stung on the war. Despite the high price of wheat, however, there was not very much excitement either in New York or in Chicago.

### YIELDS AT LAST

Senator M. A. Hanna Dies of Typhoid Fever

### DEATH NOT UNEXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18th.—Senator Marcus Alonzo Hanna died at 7:40 o'clock last evening at the family apartments in the Arlington Hotel, after an illness extending over nearly two months, and which developed into typhoid fever. When the end came all the members of the Senator's family were in the room except Mrs. Hanna who had left the room only a few minutes before.

The last sinking spell began at exactly 6:30 o'clock. Mrs. Carter and Oeler were then in attendance. They did not conceal the fact that life was about to ebb, and all members of the family were sent to Mrs. McCormick, one of the Senator's daughters, and Miss Phelps were present when this was done. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hanna were the first to arrive, and they went to summon the Senator's wife. It was while they were absent that he breathed his last. In the meantime Mr. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons and H. M. Hanna had entered the room. No distressing incident attended the last moments. The sinking spell terminated in ten minutes. Just after his eyes closed in death Mrs. Hanna was able to come into the room. She bore up well under the ordeal, and is showing calmness and bravery.

For the last two days Senator Hanna had been not conscious except at intervals, and then only to obey mechanically some instructions given him by the physicians. Fourteen hours before the end was announced life had practically suspended, the fleeting spark being aglow by the most powerful scientific agents.

### DELAWARE NOTES

Alexander Jackson, of Camden, who two years ago distributed a large portion of his wealth among relatives, is seriously ill. His grave has been dug for a year, and the monument, bearing an epitaph written by himself, is erected. Recently he sent for a grave digger, and gave instructions concerning his burial.

Robert Petch, while driving across the railroad tracks half-mile from Felton was struck by a fast freight train. He quickly pulled his horse back. The animal received the full force of the accident. Petch was thrown twenty feet and badly injured. The wagon was demolished. The train was stopped and picked up the wounded man, carrying him to the Felton railroad station. Afterwards he was removed to his home. Petch is about 60 years old and resides between Felton and Viola.

The level of the island on which Fort Delaware stands is to be raised ten or twelve feet. Before the filling in is begun, twelve buildings will have to be torn down. They are commandant's quarters, officers' quarters, two buildings, non-commissioned officers' quarters, blacksmith shops, coal shed, quartermaster's stable, two carpenter shops scale house, hospital, granary and also several other smaller buildings.

### MARYLAND NOTES

New York parties have filed claims aggregating \$700,000 in the Circuit Court for Cecil County against the estate of the late T. Egerton Hogg. The assets of the estate are said to be small.

The Legislature has passed the bill authorizing Chesapeake City to issue bonds to pay the judgment obtained by Mrs. Agnes T. Emmons, for injuries caused by falling through a hole in one of the town boardwalks.

In the Baltimore fire there was destroyed at least 70,000 cases of canned goods, in the storage warehouse in that city principally tomatoes. This loss will very likely increase the value of the holdings of those who have canned goods to sell.

The boiler house of the Perryville Granite Company at Frenchtown, Cecil county, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago. The boiler and crusher are reported to have been damaged considerably.

Representatives of the Octoraro Land Company, who for the past six months have been obtaining options upon land adjacent to the Octoraro Creek in Cecil County, have paid out in cash for land purchased upwards of \$100,000. It is understood that the right of way along the creek is being purchased for an extension of the pipe line which starts in Lancaster County, Pa.

### Announcement

TO THE FRIENDS AND PATRONS OF THE DELAWARE STORE:

ON account of the credit system used by the wholesale dealers of to-day I find it necessary to adopt a similar one for the governing of my credit trade. Therefore, on and after Saturday, January 10th, any person having an account with me will be required to make a settlement in full every thirty days. This term of credit is for the benefit of those persons who are employed by the month. Persons employed by the day or week will please make a complete payment once in every seven days. I feel positive that this system will prove most satisfactory to my customers and to myself. Of this I am certain, that it will enable me to sell the finest goods on the market at lower prices than were possible before.

We have on hand a fine stock of fresh fish, which we will continually renew until the arrival of warm weather.

Are you tired of eating beef and pork? Then try some Cod or Halibut steaks fried in cracker dust. Great!

Respectfully,  
H. C. DEVALINGER,  
Middletown, Del.

The store with the yellow front.

### DEBATE OVER A TYPEWRITER

The New Castle County Levy Court is undecided whether to pay for a typewriter and desk for the office of Clerk of the Peace Winfield S. Quigley, and the most of it session Tuesday was consumed in a discussion on the subject. Action was postponed for one week.

The typewriter and desk cost \$117, and when the bill was presented by Chairman Elliott of the committee on printing and stationery, there was objection from Mr. Megginson, former chairman of that committee, who thought the office of the Clerk of the Peace was the best paid one in the county and that it could well afford to pay for a machine if it desired one.

"There is just as much right and justice in buying an automobile for him to ride in," said Mr. Megginson.

Continuing, Mr. Megginson pointed out that the court pays the clerk of the peace for a clerk to its sittings at \$25 a sitting, \$1200 a year, and then pays for copying the minutes of the court.

President Chandler was of the opinion that the court was buying an "elephant." Mr. Hopkins was favorable to its purchase because several resolutions had been copied for him by the clerks.

Mr. Elliott said he had not made the purchase without consulting the other members of the committee. He mentioned the fact that the other county officers have been supplied with typewriters and he thought that the clerk of the peace was entitled to one.

A vote was taken on the subject, resulting in Messrs. Elliott and Hopkins voting for payment and Messrs. Megginson, Mealey and Armstrong against it.

At the request of Mr. Elliott the matter was laid over for a week.

A communication was received from former Sheriff Samuel A. McDaniel through his counsel William H. Heald giving a statement of the fees received by the sheriff while in office and claiming profits which he would have received had not the prisoners been transferred from the jail at New Castle to the workhouse. The court will not take action until it consults with its attorney, Horace G. Knowles. The communication follows:

Dear Sir: On behalf of Samuel McDaniel, former sheriff of this county, I present to your honorable body a statement of all the fees received by him from November 21st, 1901, to December 31st, 1901, at which time his term of office expired, showing the amount so received to be the sum of \$4,242.91.

As you are aware, on November 21st, 1901, the prisoners of New Castle County were removed from the custody of the then sheriff by order of the Superior Court to the board of trustees of the New Castle County workhouse and subsequently by the right of Mr. McDaniel to recover the profits he would have received from the commitment and board of prisoners, had he been permitted to retain their custody until the expiration of his term as he claimed he had the right to do, was presented to the Superior Court of the State of Delaware by means of a case stated, agreed upon by the attorney of the Levy Court and the attorney for Mr. McDaniel, which case is now pending in the Supreme Court of this State, upon which a decision cannot be reasonably expected until the meeting of that court January, 1905.

Had Mr. McDaniel accepted the salary provided by the statute, approved March 8th, 1901, there would be due him now by this court on account of said salary, the sum of \$9,266.00, and he would owe the treasury of New Castle county the above mentioned sum of \$4,242.91, leaving a net balance due Mr. McDaniel of \$5,023.09.

If his contention that he is entitled to the fees, as he claims, this court owes him largely in excess of this amount. In view of these facts, the above sum of \$5,023.09 is due to Mr. McDaniel in any event and is not in dispute. I would, therefore, respectfully request your honorable body to pay to the said Samuel A. McDaniel the sum of \$5,000 on account without prejudice to the case now pending between this court and Samuel A. McDaniel.

Very respectfully yours,  
William H. Heald,  
Attorney for Samuel A. McDaniel.

President Chandler called attention to the communication from Attorney-General Ward relative to the matter of bills of magistrates and constables, which had been received on December 24th, and he asked the committee to report. He was angry when he learned that it had taken no action and gave it until Tuesday to report, saying if it failed to do so by that time, he would make a report himself.

The Levy Court members who visited the Shallowford dam in St. Georges hundred made a report saying that in their opinion a substantial set of gates had been built. The report was accepted. Court will meet again this morning.

## FARMER FOUND DEAD IN ROAD

John T. Ellis of Near Towns—end Dies Suddenly

TOWNSHIP, Feb. 15.—John T. Ellis, a prominent farmer near this place, was found dead at 7 o'clock last night, his body being discovered in the roadway near George Naylor's home by a person who had gone to look for him. Mr. Ellis left his home about 1 o'clock, saying that he would drive over to William Greer's, a neighboring farmer, to attend to some important business matters. Just as darkness was coming on the team used by Mr. Ellis return home unaccompanied. Becoming alarmed at once, a searching party was quickly formed by Mrs. Ellis and Mr. Hazley, who has been living on the farm for some time. Upon reaching a spot in the roadway near the roadway near George Naylor's, the lifeless body of Mr. Ellis was found. A large quantity of blood having flowed from his mouth, which was probably caused by a hemorrhage.

The body was removed to his late home, upon receiving word from coroner McCormick to remove it and an inquest was held at the Ellis home today.

Mr. Ellis was about 50 years old and besides a wife leaves one child. He has been engaged in farming here for several years and had gained hosts of friends throughout the lower part of New Castle County.

The verdict of the Coroner's jury was that Ellis came to his death by accidentally falling from his carriage sustaining a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain.

### HOW MAPS MAKE WAR NEWS PLAIN

To enable its readers to follow intelligently the momentous events of the Japanese-Russian war, *The North American*, Philadelphia's newspaper, has gone to extreme pains and unlimited expense in preparing a colored map of the territory involved in struggle.

Owing to the general lack of the prevalence of exact knowledge of the topography of the lands bordering upon the war centre the situation of the town, harbor, ports and country which are mentioned daily in the cable dispatches in *The North American*, it is impracticable for the average person to gain a comprehensive notion of what is progressing in the Far East. Those who would gladly spend time in supplementing the tidings that are read by them in the newspaper by researches in atlas or gazetteer are often prevented from doing this by lack of facilities. It is to place within the reach of such means of watching the movements of the Russian and the Japanese fleets and troops step by step as they immerse themselves in the struggle that has only just begun that *The North American* has prepared this map.

To show its utility is necessary only to think how few there are that realize the immense expanse of land and water that go to make up the geographical details of the war. How many know that Russia, planning for decades a war of conquest which has for its object the gobbling of Manchuria and territorial aggressions in other parts of China, has expended nearly \$400,000,000 in building the Trans-Siberian railway from St. Petersburg to the shores of the Japan and the Yellow Sea?

How many know that this road, 6000 miles in length, is depended upon by the Czar to enable him to throw any part that may be necessary of his 5,000,000 soldiers into Manchuria and China to crush by any nation that might resist him?

How many realize that in order for the Czar to bring his Baltic fleet into the Yellow Sea it will be necessary for the vessels to sail 15,000 miles, striking Europe Asia and Africa?

How many can tell off-hand the relative position of Korea, Japan, Manchuria, China, Port Arthur, Chefoo, Chemulpo or Seoul? All these points may be settled instantly by reference to *The North American's* map.

This map will be given free with each copy of next Sunday's *North American*. It is absolutely the latest map out. It is printed in four colors, and the spelling of the names is verified by comparison with the most recent government reports.

No more valuable gift, either from a standpoint of education or utility, has ever been presented by a newspaper to its readers.

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### DEMOCRACY

The Democratic party of this State is divided into almost, if not quite, as many factions as is the national party with the difference that locally they hope to take advantage of the possible Republican split to obtain the State and County offices. The several organs of the party and the several leaders are not yet done accusing each other of selling out or betraying the party for personal ends. A sample of this recrimination we will print in our next issue from the *Sunday Star*. It is only fair to say that the *Star* declines to be considered as a Democratic organ, but prefers to be classed as an independent. But it has always been, in the past, found espousing Democratic measures and candidates. To go no further back than the campaign of 1902, it devoted columns of its reading matter to exploiting the lives and characters of the Democratic candidates and the accompanying pictures were intended to help that party. Of course, we know that the *Star* is not in accord with the principles of this party; nor is any one else. That "peerless leader," William Jennings Bryan, in his organ advertises a prize for a satisfactory platform. The reward to any one who can draw a single plank on which a bare majority of the Democrats can and will stand, should be of such amplitude as to keep him in comfort the balance of his life.

### OUR WATER SUPPLY

In another column will be found a letter from a tax-payer in which is raised a question as to the acts of the Light and Water Commission. The TRANSCRIPT is always glad to open its columns to a free discussion of all matters relating to the town, county or state, but wish it understood that it does not always endorse or coincide with the views of our correspondents. In this case we withhold judgment until further light is obtained.

### M. A. HANNA

In the death of Marcus A. Hanna, Senator from Ohio, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, financier and general man of affairs, the nation has lost a great man, whose greatness was growing on the country daily. When Senator Hanna first came into public notice, he was considered as merely a money-maker and much of a plutocrat, but the opinions expressed by his political opponents since his sickness and death prove the wonderful change in public sentiment.

### SASSAFRAS

Mr. Benjamin Boyles has been on an extended visit for the past week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Sheppard Morris and daughter visited Wilmington relatives on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. John F. Ernest was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John R. H. Price, of near Warwick, on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tarbuton entertained at a St. Valentine party on Saturday last from one to six o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Cochran received a guest on Sunday last, a little daughter weighing eleven pounds.

It is feared that when the ice in Chesapeake Bay breaks up the large piers at Tolchester and Betterton will be greatly damaged.

Messrs. Jacob T. Shalleross and Alexander T. Laws were entertained Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. William Comegys in Millington.

Rev. Ernest Litzinger, of Georgetown, Del., preached a most eloquent sermon in the Rehoboth M. P. Church on Sunday morning last.

At Grace Church, Centreville, on Sunday the mortgage recently paid off on the parsonage property was burned at the morning services.

Messrs. Samuel Price, of Massey, and Samuel Wilson, of Warwick, were entertained several days last week by Mr. Edward O. Spear, of Kennedysville, spent part of this week with her mother, Mrs. A. B. Berry.

Quite a number from here attended the Leap Year dance given by the young ladies of Cecilton in the hall of that town on Monday night last, and report it quite a success.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Conner, of Elkton, gave a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Berry, of St. Augustine. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Berry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher Conner, Mr. and Mrs. William Boulden, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Conner and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Price.

The quarterly conference was held Saturday morning last in the Rehoboth M. P. Church. Mr. Urie P. Ginn of near Warwick, was elected delegate, and Mr. Robert S. Griffith alternate, to attend the next conference which will be held in Baltimore, March 6th.

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## ST. GEORGES

H. Smith is visiting Dover friends this week.

John Swartz was a Baltimore visitor part of last week.

Miss Della Moore spent Sunday with Miss Florence Jamison.

Charles Roberts, of Odessa, visited Mrs. Alida Jones on Monday.

James H. S. Gam has returned from several days stay at Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. J. C. Stuckert spent part of last week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. A. N. Sutton spent part of last week with relatives in Wilmington.

Edward Lester and wife, of Middletown, spent Monday with relatives here.

John Lester and family, of Montchanin, are guests of his mother, Mrs. H. S. Lester.

Frank Hill and wife, of Yorklyn, were guests of George Hill and family on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Roberts, of Dutch Neck, were guests of Miss Olivia Paynter on Sunday.

Miss Anna Moore has returned to Wilmington after a month's vacation with her parents here.

Levin Cann and Mr. Robinson, of Wilmington, paid a visit to R. L. Cann and family on Sunday.

Charles Stapleford and family, of State Road, spent Sunday with her parents, J. B. Nelson and wife.

Messrs. Sadie and Hallie Gray, of Bohemia Manor, visited Mr. J. Gray and wife part of last week.

H. C. Jacobs, of Philadelphia, has been spending the past week with Mrs. Harriett Lester and daughter.

J. W. Hopkins and family, of Wilmington, are spending this week with Mrs. Henry Lester at "Bloomfield."

To-morrow, February 21st, will be observed as Missionary Sunday in the M. E. Church both morning and evening.

Miss Gertrude Swain has secured a position with Gimbel Brothers, Philadelphia, and left for that city on Monday.

Messrs. Margaret Cann, of Centerville, and Mabel Jones, of Mt. Cuba, were over Sunday visitors of R. L. Cann and family.

C. M. Riley returned home on Friday from a delightful visit of several weeks with friends in New York and Philadelphia.

A Colonial Tea will be given in Odd Fellows' Hall on Monday evening, February 22d, by the ladies of the M. E. Church.

The Bible Class will meet on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. G. T. Hill. Rev. S. O. Gibbons will have charge. All are welcome.

Miss Sara Milligan, of Union, and Howard Milligan, of Delaware College, spent Sunday with their parents, Rev. J. R. Milligan and wife.

Messrs. G. T. and H. C. Clark attended the annual session of the State Council of Delaware, Jr. O. U. A. M., which was held in Dover this week.

George Swain and family on Sunday entertained Eugene Gravatt and wife, of Glasgow, and Misses Mattie Swain and Margaret McCintock, of Philadelphia.

A collection amounting to \$90 was taken in the M. E. Church on Sunday morning, to defray the expenses of the new heater recently placed in the church.

The cantata of "Red Riding Hood" will be rendered in Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening, March 25th, by the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church.

The monthly Song Service was held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening and notwithstanding the inclement weather, a good-sized congregation was present.

The remains of Mrs. Rachel Milfin of Philadelphia, but who resided a few miles from here for many years, were brought here on Thursday and buried in the family lot in the St. Georges Cemetery.

The "Valentine Party" given by the C. C. Club in their rooms on Saturday evening was most enjoyable. Each one present seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion, thereby making it a great success.

Miss May C. Enos is visiting Wilmington.

Mr. Alfred Stevens is visiting his sister at Chester.

Mr. William H. Eccles spent Wednesday in Elkton.

Mrs. John Heldmeyer visited Philadelphia this week.

Miss Nellie Stevens is entertaining her cousin, Miss Florence W. Evans, of Felton.

Mrs. N. A. Arters, of Crumpton, is a welcome visitor at the M. E. Parsonage this week.

Messrs. Martha and Mary Stringfellow, of Wilmington, are guests of Miss Mary Lightcap.

Mrs. Bandler and daughter, Miss Carrie, of Port Penn, were visitors in town on Sunday.

Miss Helen Brady, of Middletown, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. B. Watkins last week.

Mr. James Orrell and daughter Miss May, of Brenford, visited his sister, Mrs. Gardner Keen part of this week.

Mr. W. M. Harper, of Hurlock, Md., visited his sister, Miss M. Elizabeth Harper from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. George L. Townsend entertained Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Townsend, of Wilmington, on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart and son Stanley, have returned to their home in Chester after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens.

Miss M. Elizabeth Harper entertained a few friends on Saturday night in honor of her brother, Mr. W. Harper, the evening was spent in playing "Pit and Fitch." Refreshments were served in abundance. All left at a late hour after spending a most delightful evening.

## CECILTON

Edward Mattax has been visiting friends in Kent County.

Miss Mollie Richards is spending some time with relatives in New Castle County.

Miss Marion Clark is entertaining her friend, Miss Isabelle Machie, of Elkton.

Mr. Artenus Messick has returned from spending the past week in Wilmington.

We are very sorry to state Mr. Edgar N. Davis is quite ill at his home near town.

Charles Jarvis and son Charles have returned from visiting friends in Back Creek.

Mrs. Dollie Clayton was the guest of Miss Leona Beaten, of Cayots, one day this week.

Quite a number from here attended the sale of Lambert Boulden on the Manor on Tuesday.

Messrs. Zachie and J. E. Ferguson, of Chesterdown, spent a few days with Noble P. Ferguson.

Mr. Harry Price and wife, of Still Pond, and Miss Julia Dushane were entertained by Miss Mamie Jones on Monday.

The Leap Year dance given by the young ladies in Mechanics' Hall on Monday evening, February 15th, was a decided success. About seventy-five guests were present and all expressed themselves as having had a delightful time. The music was furnished by the Middletown Orchestra. Guests were present from Middletown, Odessa, Sassafraz, Galena, Chesterdown, Crumpton, Golts, St. Augustine, Summit Bridge, Earleville, Townsend, Cayots and Cecilton.

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We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Hiram E. Pearson that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-third day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary E. Pearson according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and do cause the same to be included within the date of said Court.

And have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the First day of February A. D., nineteen hundred and four.

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## PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned discontinuing farming will sell at Public Sale, at her residence near Warwick, Md., on

Thursday, FEB. 25, '04

AT TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,  
The following Personal Property late of Geo. W. Lockwood, deceased:

**5 HEAD OF HORSES AND COLTS:**

No. 1.—Miss Swain, bay mare, 6 years old, one of the very finest drivers in the country. Stylish, toppy, not altogether fearless of steam or trolley, but no bad traits. Hard to find a more showy or excellent animal.

No. 2.—Nixey, light bay colt, 4 years old, unbroken.

No. 3.—Madeline, bay mare, 9 years old, excellent driver.

No. 4.—Mag, bay mare, 15 years old, good driver and one of the best all-around farm horses to be found. Safe, reliable, strong, enduring. Also a good driver.

No. 5.—Whisper, light bay horse, 10 years old, a good stylish driver and excellent work horse.

**5 Head of Good Mules:**

Nos. 1. and 2.—Jack and Jill, two fine young mules, coming 4 years old. These mules are of unusual value, well mated and strong.

Nos. 3. and 4.—Pete and Polly, two dark bay mules. Plenty of work in them yet.

No. 5.—Large white mule, 11 years old. Few mules equal this one. Thoroughly good, strong and reliable.

**15 HEAD OF FINE CATTLE:**

Among which are many that are registered on the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. Others are entitled to registry. Four Holstein Bulls. One Jersey Cow.

**Thoroughbred SHEEP:**

South-down

This flock of Sheep are famous. Progenitors imported from England to be exhibited at Centennial. Can't be surpassed by none in America.

**5 HOGS, Averaging 100 lbs.**

**FARMING IMPLEMENTS:**

Five farm wagons, in good order; 2 hay rickings, 1 McCord Binder, 1 Pennsylvania Drill, 11 spouts, used two seasons; 1 Deering Mower, 1 Deering horse rake, 1 Steel roller, 1 U. S. Corn Planter, with phosphatic attachment, in perfect order; 1 Sled corn cutter, 1 Randall harrow, 3 hand cultivators, 1 Orchard cultivator, 2 Sulky cultivators, 1 Corn sheller, 1 Grain fan, 4 plows, 1 Ward one-horse plow, 3 Peach wagon bodies with springs, 1 Cut-under Orchard wagon, 1 Twin Iron harrow, 1 York carriage, 1 Runabout, 1 Dearborn, 1 Hay knife, 4 ice hooks, 1 pair ice tongs, four horse, 1 Seed sower, 8 Horse collars, 8 work bridles, 6 good collar pads, 2 sets wagon harness, 3 sets plow harness, 2 Crows Cut saws, 4 Grubbing hoes, 3 sets pulleys, (blocks) Bean and Pea, 1 Steel set of block and fall, (4 inch rope), 1 Dearborn body, 1 extra large auger, (14 inch with three ft. shank), 1 Corn knife, 1 Hedge knives, Cow chains, 1 Post hole digger, Double trees, Single trees, 7 Horse blankets, Grain bags, Peach ladder, Hog trough.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

On all sums of \$20 and less, Cash will be required. All sums over that amount a credit of Nine Months will be given by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser, interest added from day of sale. No goods to be removed until terms are complied with.

**ADELAIDE MORTON LOCKWOOD.**

**REGISTER'S ORDER.**

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,  
New Castle County, Del., November 28th, 1903.  
Upon the application of Hannah R. Jones and James R. Hoffercker, Executors of the will of George H. Jones, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executors aforesaid give notice of said estate of the deceased, to all persons having claims against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and do cause the same to be included within the date of said Court.

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## The Middletown Transcript

Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:  
North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 10.27 a. m.;  
1.14 and 4.05 p. m.  
South Bound—1.40, 3.31, 5.21 and 11.40 a. m.;  
3.56, 4.14 and 7.5 p. m.  
Mails Close as Follows:  
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.05 a. m., 3.50 p. m.,  
4.5 p. m. and 9 p. m.  
Going South—8.10 a. m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p. m.  
For Odessa—8.30 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.00 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilville, Barville and Susquehanna—9.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 20, 1904.

### Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

You can get four pounds of best washing soda for five cents at

H. C. DeValinger's.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

We will sell you a pound of the best glass starch for five cents.

H. C. DeValinger.

We will display our new dress Good and trimmings next week.

Mrs. G. W. Peterson.

FOR SALE—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

A large line of Ladies' Wrappers for sale at prices from 50 cents up.

Mrs. G. W. Peterson.

STABLE FOR RENT—The large stable of the late Dr. I. S. Vallandigham. Possession given March 25th, 1904. Apply to

W. REESE PARKER.

The public is invited to inspect our beautiful display of show belt whether you wish to purchase or not.

H. C. DeValinger.

E. I. Alper, Eye Specialist, West Main street, Middletown. Examination and advice free. Office hours 8.30 A. M. to 9 P. M., every Saturday.

FOR RENT—The dwelling on East Main street, adjoining the M. E. Parsonage. Possession given immediately or on March 25th. For further particulars apply at

This Office.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

There will be a sale of pies, cake, biscuits and candy this (Saturday) afternoon in the Library room, beginning at 2 o'clock. Proceeds for the benefit of the Library.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 11th: Mrs. Emma Lodine, Mrs. Sally Perkins, James Cloud, Harry Paxson.

We have just received the latest in Ruchings and Neck Wear at remarkable prices.

Mrs. G. W. Peterson.

The sock social given by the Y at Bethesda M. E. Parsonage on Monday evening was a decided success socially and financially. About \$20 was realized for the benefit of the Reading Rooms.

Rev. John G. Sibson who has severed his relations with the Salvation Army, is expected to preach at one service in Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow. He is a cultured man and will interest his hearers. Be sure to come.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P., will give a pie and milk social in their lodge room on Wednesday evening next. All members are requested to be present, as business of importance will be brought before the lodge.

Washington Camp, No. 9, P. O. S. of A. will worship in Forest Presbyterian Church to-morrow evening in a body. They will be accompanied by Camp No. 8, of Warwick, Md., and Camp No. 8, of Odessa. Dr. Moore will preach a special Washington's birthday sermon on the occasion, and the attendance will undoubtedly be large.

Mr. E. J. Steel, the local florist, has a carnation plant which he values very highly. During the latter part of last week he sent one of the flowers to a Philadelphia florist, and the next morning received an offer of \$200 for the plant, but did not accept it. Mr. Steel is the originator of this carnation and is getting many cuttings of his new variety.

At a special meeting of the local Home Missionary Society, held at the home of Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd President, on Monday evening the following delegates were elected to attend the annual State Convention, to be held in Mount Salem Church, Wilmington, on March 10th: Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd, Mrs. J. C. Parker, Mrs. M. B. Burris, and Mrs. J. C. Alston. Alternates, Miss Anna M. Freeman, Miss Mollie Lyman, Mrs. H. M. Price and Miss Elizabeth Shepherd.

The Alfrata Concert Company presenting high-class vaudeville, farce comedies, etc., will be the attraction at the Middletown Opera House next Wednesday evening. This company will remain with us one week, giving an entire change of programme each evening. In order to convince our people that they give a refined entertainment, the Wednesday evening performance will be free, and during the remainder of their engagement the price of admission will be within the reach of all.

The great number of public sales among farmers this winter is the subject of much remark, yet despite the cold weather they are well attended. That so much farm stock and implements should find bidders is also wondered at, yet the property goes off under the hammer, and generally horses and cattle go lower than a year ago by fifteen to twenty per cent.

We hear it stated, however, that property sold under a ten or twelve months credit brings much better prices than the cash sale. This would indicate a scarcity of steady cash in the pockets of farmers in comparison to the year previous, which in view of the almost general crop failure during 1903 must necessarily be so. The question comes up with us also why so much breaking up and shifting among farmers exists in this locality, to which the prompt reply generally is the scarcity of help.

The temperance mass meeting at Bethesda M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon, which was held for the purpose of organizing a local alliance auxiliary to the Delaware State Temperance Alliance, was favored with a very able address by Dr. F. H. Moore of Forest Presbyterian Church. Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., was chairman of the meeting and State Treasurer M. B. Burris was secretary. Twenty-eight joined the alliance and seventeen

signed the Voters' League Pledge. Owing to the lateness of the hour the meeting adjourned to meet at a subsequent date to elect officers. All friends of temperance are cordially invited to meet at Bethesda M. E. Church again to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock sharp, that officers may be elected and the organization perfected. The meeting will be non-partisan and undenominational, and we hope to see a large measure of interest manifested by our citizens.

The fourth Entertainment of the Star course, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church, will be given by Ellwood, the famous magician, next Tuesday evening, February 23d, at the Opera House. Here is what Chas. R. Towson, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Philadelphia says: "Ellwood certainly sustained the enthusiastic reputation you gave him as an entertainer. We have had some superior magicians appear at various times, but I consider Ellwood the peer of them all."

Six pounds of good sun dried apples for twenty-five cents at

H. C. DeValinger's.

H. C. DeValinger will sell you one pound of good prunes for four cents.

### CHURCH NOTES

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. of Glasgow, will hold an oyster supper and handkerchief bazaar in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church in that town, on Tuesday evening, February 23d.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Using the Sabbath." Mark 1:21-34. Leader, Miss Elsie Jones.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Some good ways of using the Sabbath." Mark 1:21-34. Miss Martha Heaton, leader.

### J. O. U. A. MECHANICS

The annual session of the State Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics was held in Dover Tuesday and 150 delegates from all parts of the State were in attendance. State Councilor J. A. Ellwood, of Ellendale, presided at the sessions which were held in the lodge room in the Priscilla Block. The address of welcome was delivered by City Solicitor A. B. Magee, at the request of Mayor William H. Walker, and Mayor Charles D. Bird, of Wilmington, responded.

The council is composed of 45 subordinate councils, representing near 5,000 members. During the year one new council, Selbyville, No. 41, was instituted with 40 members. State and Stripes council of 110 members, received the flag, making a gain of 110 members.

A. M. Thomas, of Canterbury, a merchant of that town, is the incoming councilor. At the close of the session retiring Councilor Ellwood was presented with a handsome collection of solid silver, resting in a fine mahogany case.

In the evening the following officers were elected: State councilor, A. M. Thomas; State vice council, M. N. Willis; State Council Secretary, W. J. Moreland; State Council Treasurer, W. J. Downey; State Councilor, William E. Waller; State Council Conductor, William Lank; Inside Sentinel, Robert C. Robinson; Outside Sentinel, George A. Downes; Chaplain, O. L. Bell; National Representative, I. T. Parker. The next meeting will be held in Wilmington.

### HOTEL BEING REMOVED

The well-known landmark at Collins' Beach the only remaining relic of this once famous resort, the old hotel, will soon be a thing of the past, as it is being torn down and will be transported by means of lighters to Woodland Beach, where it will be used in repairing the hotel there and in building summer cottages. The work of destruction was begun last week and will be completed in about two weeks. The lumber is in a good state of preservation, in fact the inside work such as the turned bannisters, stair cases, lath, etc., are as good as new.

A great number of bricks and stone will be gotten out of the several chimneys and the huge cistern under the kitchen. This large four-story building, containing over forty rooms, has been abandoned for several years, with the exception of occasional campers, and the surrounding grounds are thickly covered with trees and bushes which almost obscure the building, making it impossible to get a photograph of the front view. Many of the doors, windows, and anything movable have been carried away by unscrupulous persons, and the present owner, Mr. James R. Mott, proprietor of Woodland Beach, decided that the only way to save his property was to move it away. Mr. Mott purchased the Collins Beach property nine years ago, the consideration being \$1,100. Besides the hotel the deed calls for forty acres of land.

### TUNNEL THROUGH ICE

Workmen on Monday tunneled through fifteen feet of solid ice in order to clear the tracks of the Port Deposit and Columbia Railroad Company, so as to permit the passage of train and the delivery of provisions, wood, coal, etc., to residents of Maryland towns. The water in the Susquehanna has receded, but has left solid masses of ice from seven to fifteen feet high. A channel a sixteenth of a mile wide has been cut in the middle of the Susquehanna, which carries off the water-flow from the north.

### Sales to Take Place

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, etc., by Edward Hart, on the "Parvis Farm," one mile northeast of Mount Pleasant. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1904.—Public sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., personal property late of George W. Lockwood, deceased.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3d, 1904.—Public Sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by Isaac Green, Jr., on the "Burgess Farm," on the road from Fennimore's Bridge to Norrey's Corner. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

ADVERTISE IN THE TRANSCRIPT.

### PERSONALITIES

Mr. F. Decker Snyder spent Sunday in New Brunswick, N. J.

Miss Mattie Roberts, of Wilmington, is spending sometime in town.

Mrs. W. R. Parker has returned from a short visit with her parents in Dover.

Miss Bertha Byron left town Wednesday for Philadelphia where her parents now reside.

Mr. Charles C. Byron left Saturday for the Quaker City where he will reside in the future.

Miss Harriet R. Cullen has returned home from a ten days' visit among friends in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Howard Rogers, of Frederica, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Fouracre several days this week.

Messrs. Harry S. Brady and G. Culbert Peverly spent from Saturday until Tuesday with friends in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. W. Harry Downey, of Wilmington, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Downey, on Crawford street, one day this week.

### MRS. POWELL ARRESTED

After a four days' investigation, Sheriff Melvin and State Detectives Francis and Rutledge Sunday afternoon arrested Mrs. Mary A. Powell, wife of Albert Powell, on the charge of murdering Estelle Albin whose body was found in an attic at the Powell's home, near Bowers Beach, last Tuesday, an account of which we published last week. The prisoner was brought to Dover and arraigned before Magistrate Wood, who committed her to jail until Tuesday, February 23d, when she will be given a hearing. The arrest of Mrs. Powell is evidently based on information obtained from Edgar Cooper, aged 5 years, who was with the Albin girl the morning of the tragedy, and also on statements made by Mr. Powell after his return from the funeral which took place Sunday. After the funeral Powell was closeted for over an hour, followed shortly after by the arrest of Mrs. Powell who was taken immediately to Dover jail. The information secured from Edgar Cooper was obtained after the family and friends had left the house for the funeral. He was taken into the kitchen and there asked about Essie, as she was called by the family. He was unshaken in his statements, many times repeating that Essie was over the head with a piece of wood, that Essie ran out into the yard and then upstairs. That jealousy was the motive which prompted the murder is accepted by all. Mr. Powell has practically admitted that he thought a great deal of Miss Albin. He stated that more than once he had to secure his wife to prevent her from doing bodily injury to the girl.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Owing to the general conditions in business circles and the close cash basis on which wholesale merchants are doing business. We the undersigned Merchants of Middletown deemed it fitting in order to best serve the public at large to organize on January 1st, 1904, "The Merchants Protective Association." The object of which is to protect ourselves against fraudulent customers, and to establish a basis of credit, which will enable us to serve each and all our several customers in the different lines of Merchandise the best at lowest and cash prices. And it has been unanimously decided by the association to earnestly request all credit customers to make weekly and monthly settlements so that the above object may be obtained and all concerned materially benefited. Believing this will meet the approval of the public in general we are

### Very truly,

W. M. BROCKSON, PRES.  
H. C. DeVALINGER, V. P.  
JOHN ARMSTRONG, Sec'y.  
W. T. CONNELLEY, TREAS.  
PAUL WEBER,  
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JOHN F. FORTNEY,  
MINORS BANKING.

### NOTICE TO MY CUSTOMERS

On account of the credit system used by the wholesale dealers of to-day I find it necessary to adopt a similar one for the governing of my credit trade. Therefore, on and after Saturday, January 23d, any person having an account with me will be required to make a settlement in full every thirty days. This term of credit is for the benefit of those persons who are employed by the month. Persons employed by the day or week will please make a complete payment once in every seven days. I feel positive that this system will prove most satisfactory to my customers and to myself. Of this I am certain, that it will enable me to sell the finest goods on the market at lower prices than were possible before.

### JOHN ARMSTRONG, Agt.

### NOTICE TO MY CUSTOMERS

On account of doing business with our wholesale people on cash terms, we feel compelled to do likewise in our retail business. We must therefore insist on weekly and monthly settlements of all accounts, beginning February 1st, 1904. Feeling confident that we can give our customers satisfaction in goods and prices, as special attention is given, in keeping our stock fresh and new,

### I remain,

East Main Street. M. BANNING.

### DOLLAR WHEAT IN NEW YORK

For the first time in five years wheat touched the dollar mark in New York Monday. In Chicago the highest quotation was 98, but in Minneapolis No. 1 wheat was quoted at 41, and No. 3 red wheat sold at \$1.02. The May option alone crossed the dollar mark, and it was practically on strong buying for foreign account.

All the grain markets were strong on the war. Despite the high price of wheat, however, there was not very much excitement either in New York or in Chicago.

### Pensions Granted

Col. John Wainwright of Wilmington, has secured a pension for Samuel Higgins, Capt. Neils Artillery, Delaware Volunteers, \$6 and \$8 a month from January 19th 1898. He resides in McDonough, Delaware; also, William S. Huntington, Co. D, 6th Delaware Infantry, Farmhurst, Delaware, \$6 a month from June 30th, 1903.

### HYMENEAL

#### CRAWFORD-COCHRAN

Miss Adelaide L., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Cochran, was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur McCollough Crawford on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock at "Oakdale," the beautiful home of the bride's parents near town. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. Wilkie, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The house was artistically decorated for the event with evergreen and holly, and presented a beautiful appearance. The bride was gowned in steel laces and carried with silk applique and chiffon and carried white carnations and smilax. Emma Pennington, a cousin of the bride, was flower girl, gowned in white organdie, trimmed with ribbon, and carried a basket of pink and white carnations and smilax. Mr. Lee Pennington acted as best man, and Miss May Roe, of Massey, Md., rendered Lohengrin's wedding march. A reception was held immediately after the ceremony, after which refreshments were served by Caterer Crane of Philadelphia, to the many guests present. The bride received many useful and handsome presents. Both the bride and groom have many friends in this section who will join THE TRANSCRIPT in extending congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford will reside near Warwick, Md., where the groom is engaged in farming.

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Miss Mary G. Steele entertained a few friends at euchre last Thursday evening, those present being Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Price, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Bouchelle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Manlove, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Steele, Misses Annie Young, Lillie Woolford, Evelyn Kibler, Hattie Morgan, Carrie Wright, Elsie Karsner, Florence Egge, Messrs. Frank Howard, Frank Ellison, Dr



# The Youngest Miss Passingham

## CHAPTER I

STELLA looked out eagerly as the train approached Great Deepdene. Yes; there was the church in the valley, with its gray tower and the red-roofed cottages clustering all around it; there were the river and the old rustic bridge, and the long white road over the moor leading to the Grange. How well she remembered driving down that road with Molly the day she went away! It was nine years ago now, but it seemed as though it were only yesterday. Dear old Molly! It would be sweet to see her again. She must have had a dull life of it shut up in the Grange with Catharine all these years. She wondered if she had altered much. Of course she would be a good deal older. Why, she must be about twenty-nine, for Stella herself was twenty!

But they were close to the station now—a pretty country station with gardens gay with flowers and an ornamental shrubbery adjoining it. As the train slowed down Stella caught a glimpse of a gray carriage waiting at the door of the booking-office with a man in a green livery standing at the pony's head. Her heart began to beat a little faster. Had Catharine come or would Molly be alone? Oh, she hoped Catharine had not come! And then, as her glance swept the platform, she realized that neither Catharine nor Molly was there. The only person to be seen besides the porter and the station-master was a tall fair young man in knickerbockers and a brown shooting coat, with a couple of dogs at his heels. He was looking eagerly at the carriage, evidently waiting for someone, and, as Stella got out, he came towards her with the cheeriest of smiles.

Your sisters have sent me to meet you, Miss Passingham. Don't you remember me? I knew you in an instant. Stella gazed at him demurely. Ought I to remember? I can't. But wait. The beautifully-formed mouth began to smile, showing a dimple in the right cheek; the gray dark-lashed eyes flashed sunshine. Oh, I know! You are Tony. I beg your pardon. But I always called you Tony in those days. They were dear old days.

They were indeed said Mr. Anthony West with emphasis. How do you think I felt when I got home from school and found my little comrade gone? And you never came back!

I have come back now, she answered, with a friendly smile. And the old days don't seem so very long ago. Will you let me drive the ponies? Do you remember the driving lessons which you used to give me?

Do I remember? he said in a fervent tone. Up to the last moment or two those old days had held but a dim place in his recollections. But at the first sight of Stella the woman, so like Stella the child and yet so different, they had suddenly grown vivid; every detail came flashing back to him with wonderful distinctness. He wondered at himself for not having been more excited at the thought of meeting Stella. As he had driven from the Grange he had actually been considering whether he should let her shoot again and go abroad. Was it possible that he could have dreamt of going abroad while Stella was staying with her sisters? Miss Mary could not come to meet you, he explained, as they went out to the carriage. It was a great disappointment to her. But Miss Passingham has one of her head aches, and Miss Mary could not leave her.

Molly. I was always afraid of Catharine. You will remember that. She always looked at me as a little interloper. It was natural enough. I can see that now. Mother could only have been about her age. But it was for such a little time that mother took her place; I was only six months old when she died. But I don't think she ever forgave me, or father for marrying again. Perhaps she forgave him when he died, but she never forgave us.

You will find her very much changed, very much softened, said Anthony eagerly. Her illness did that.

I shall always be afraid of her, Stella answered, shaking her head. But she did seem anxious that I should come home when I wrote to tell her that I wanted to. I must say that of her. You know aunt Rachel made me promise before she died that I would live with aunt Lydia for a time? I have lived there for a year, but I think we are all getting tired of it. The sparkling look had come back to the face which she turned to him. Should you say that I was a very difficult person to live with, Mr. West?

His look made the color fly into her cheeks, though she would not turn her eyes aside. But he answered gravely—No—I should not say so.

Belle and Harriet find me impossible. They are aunt Lydia's daughters, you know. They think that my education has been lamentably neglected, and they want me to join the schoolroom party. But it was so dull in the schoolroom!

You did not let them keep you there? asked Anthony.

A little smile crept round Stella's lips—a smile full of mischief.

No—I was a successful rebel. But some victories cost dear. I thought it better to beat a retreat from the field of battle for a time. Ah, there is the Grange! I love the old place. It has always been home to me.

They had reached the top of the hill, and a wide valley lay below them. It was very wooded, and, just where the ground began to slope upwards to the opposite hill, a glimpse could be caught of an old gray house with a turret at one end of it and a long gabled roof. A half-arch, half-tower came into Stella's eyes as she caught sight of it. It was not a very happy childhood that she had spent there. Her father had lived almost entirely in his own rooms for some years before his death, and she had hardly ever seen him. And though her step-sister Molly had been the kindest and most indulgent of mortals, both she and Stella had always been very much in awe of their elder sister Catharine. For Catharine was more than fifteen years older than Molly. Stella's happiest hours had been spent in the woods and on the moors. Still, the Grange had always been home to her in a far more real sense than aunt Rachel's charming house in Kensington had ever been.

There was no lodge at the gates, and the drive to the house was a short one. In a very few minutes they had passed out of the shadow of the trees, and a tall slim figure could be seen standing on the gravel walk before the drawing-room window.

Oh, there is Molly! Stella cried, and the tears rushed into her eyes, she hardly knew why. She flung the reins to Anthony and sprang out. Molly came quickly across the lawn to meet her.

Stella, my darling, I wanted to be at the station, but Catharine was so ill! My dear—my dear, you have come back to us!

She folded Stella in a close embrace, and then held her away, looking down at her with eyes that brimmed over with tears. She was much taller than Stella—tall and very slim. She had one of those delicate expressive faces that gain in beauty as the years go by.

Oh, Molly, I have been so homesick for you! Stella cried, giving a long breath. I never knew it, but I have been wanting you all the time. It is sweet—sweet to see you again!

And I have wanted you, my Stella, Molly said. And then, as if she could not speak of those long years of separation, she hurried on, trying to hide the quiver in her voice. But you have come back to us a woman! I have lost my little girl!

Not a bit of it! exclaimed Stella eagerly. I am not grown up. I don't want to be. I am your little girl come back for a long, long holiday, Molly—that is, if Catharine—

My dear, she wants you to stay with us, Molly broke in, with a quick anxious look at the house. Just before your letter came she talked of writing to you. I wish—But do not let us speak of it. It was not all Catharine's doing, Stella. I know—I know! Stella hastened to answer. And she was very good to me, Molly. I had everything that she could give me. She spoiled me, as aunt Lydia has often told me since I have lived with her. But I wanted you. And I could never ever speak of you. It was the only thing that made me angry with her. And she made me promise that I would go to aunt Lydia's for a year. I think she knew that I should want to come home if Catharine would have me.

Molly's slender fingers tightened their clasp. She was holding both Stella's hands, and her eyes seemed as if they could not leave her face.

You have not been very happy at Mrs. Harrington's, I'm afraid, my darling.

A flash of merriment seemed to sparkle for a moment over Stella's face.

Oh, I amused myself she said. And then her tone grew soft again. But I am glad to be home, Molly. And you are sure that Catharine is glad to have me? I am quite sure, dear. But come in now. I will take you to your room. Anthony will stay to tea with us, and you shall see Catharine afterwards. She is too ill to leave her room to-day.

The room that had been prepared for Stella was a delightful one. Everything in it showed how lovingly her coming had been prepared for. There were flowers on the dressing-table and on the pretty table by the window that overlooked the valley. The little bookcase was full of carefully-chosen books. Her mother's portrait hung over the mantel-piece, and on the other walls were pictures that used to hang in the little bedroom which had been Stella's when she was a child. There was a new carpet on the floor, and the windows and the small brass bed were hung with new curtains of delightfully-tinted chintz.

Stella stood in the middle of the room, looking round her with eyes that smiled through happy tears. She had been very lonely since her kind aunt Rachel had died, and even before that. Now an exquisite sense of home stole over her. She felt as an exile feels when he comes to his native shores and is no more "a stranger in a strange land."

Molly had left her after a kind word or two to go to her sister, and tea was to be ready in a few minutes, so that she had just time for a hasty toilet. Rousing herself from her happy reverie, she drew off her gloves and began to unpin her hair. She was standing before the looking-glass as she did so, and the flash of the diamond ring which she wore on her left hand caught her attention. She turned from the glass, and looked at the ring, her lips just parted in a queer half-frightened little smile and her pretty eyebrows drawn together. Then, still frowning, she drew off the ring and went quickly towards her dressing-case. Unlocking it, she took out a little level-case and placed the ring in a drawer in it that opened by a secret spring. She did it all very quickly, as if afraid of being interrupted. Then, looking at her hand again, she drew a long deep breath.

Nobody need know yet, she whispered. I don't want to tell Molly so soon. She would think that she had lost me again. And I do want my holiday—to be free for a little while longer. Molly shall have her little girl for a week or two.

TEA was laid in the drawing-room—a long room with three French windows opening upon the gravel walk in the front of the house. The walls were paneled, like the walls in nearly all the rooms in the old house, and there were a number of pictures—some of them from the brushes of Romney and Gainsborough—and one or two modern portraits hung in conspicuous positions. A clever little sketch of Stella in nine years old hung between two of the windows; it had been painted by a famous artist, a friend of her father's, who had stayed in the village one autumn and taken a great fancy to the child.

When Molly came back to the drawing-room she found Anthony standing before this portrait, looking intently at it. He was too absorbed to notice her quiet entrance, and she came close to him before he was aware that she was in the room. Then he turned with a start, the color rising in his face.

It is very much like her still, is it not? said Molly, smiling as she looked at the gray-eyed child in the picture.

Molly's soft eyes were full of happy tears as she spoke; it was intensely sweet to her to have Stella back again.

I knew her in an instant, Anthony said eagerly. It was only when I spoke that she guessed who I was, but I knew her directly I saw her.

Yes—she has altered very little, answered Molly. And she is so sweet and unspoiled! I was afraid that she might feel dull here, we live so quietly, but I don't think she will. You must help me to amuse her, Anthony, until you go abroad.

I am not going abroad, he said hastily. It was only a vague idea, and I have quite given it up, Miss Mary. I am going to settle down and work hard at the estate. But I shall have plenty of time to ride with Miss Stella, if she will let me. And I wonder if she knows golf? Our new links are capital. I should like to teach her.

Ask her when she comes down, said Molly, her soft brown eyes shining kindly on him. We must not let her be dull. The Harringtons are gay people, I fancy. They see a great deal of society.

Mr. Harrington is a shipbuilder, isn't he?

Yes; but we know very little of them. When Stella's mother died, Mrs. Harrington came here. But she and Catharine did not get on, and we have had no communication with them since. I wonder that she wished Stella to come to us. Is she Stella's guardian, then?

Oh, no—Stella is really her own mistress, but she told us that Mrs. Harrington would be glad if she would come home. Father made her aunt Rachel Stella's guardian, and now her money is managed for her by Miss Deane's lawyer. She has about two hundred a year. The rest of Miss Deane's money came from annuities which ended at her death. But for tea now, Anthony. Stella will be down in a moment.

But it seemed a long time to Anthony before Stella came. He found himself listening for her light footfall with eager impatience. And, when at last she entered, her presence seemed to light up the dark old room like spring sunshine. She would not sit down at once, but fitted about, renewing her acquaintance with the pictures. She stopped before her own portrait for an instant, lifting her eyebrows in the way that Anthony was already becoming familiar with.

This, Molly? I am honored.

Catharine wished it, dear, said Molly quickly. It has been here for some months now.

What a lucky little girl! These Romneys should be good company. And she must have been dull in the attic turned towards the wall.

A look of pain crossed Molly's face. She had hoped that Stella had forgotten Catharine's unkindness about the portrait.

It was not in the attic long, darling, she said in an eager voice. I have had it in my room. I was sorry to give it up. Stella gave it to the window smile. She had come back to the window, and seated herself opposite to Anthony.

Do you know what my greatest treasure has always been, Molly? That little locket with your photograph inside—do you remember it? You gave it to me on my tenth birthday. I always wore it till a few months ago. Then it slipped off my chain, and I lost it for a whole day and a night, and I have been afraid to wear it since.

How did you find it again? Was it in London that you lost it? asked Anthony, more to make Stella look at him than because he was really anxious to know.

There was a gleam of merry laughter in Stella's eyes as she turned them towards him.

No—we were in Scotland. We had gone up there for the salmon fishing and it was picked up on the banks of the loch by a neighbor of ours. He brought it to the house next morning, and that is how we were in Scotland.

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